

Remarks

Favorable review is requested in view of the following remarks. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 – 21 are pending in the application.

Interview Summary

Examiner Rodriguez and Applicants' representative, Charles Jacobson, conducted a phone interview on March 22, 2004. The interview focused on the support in the specification for the additional claim language, "while the media is moving", added in the Amendment filed on September 23, 2004. Applicants' representative and Examiner Rodriguez came to agreement that page 11, lines 8 – 9 of the present application, for example, provide support for the additional claim language, "while the media is moving". Consequently, it was agreed that Examiner Rodriguez would withdraw the prior art rejections based upon Dietzel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,292,316) and Malone (U.S. Patent No. 6,335,840).

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

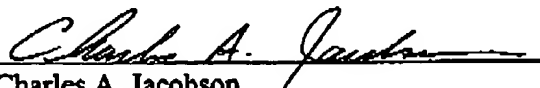
Claims 1 – 8, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dietzel et al. (above) in view of Malone (above). Claims 12 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dietzel et al. (above) in view of Malone (above) and further in view of Smith (U.S. Patent No. 6,154,335). Claims 9, 10, 16, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dietzel et al. (above) in view of Malone (above) and further in view of Gill (U.S. Patent No. 5,909,344). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dietzel et al. (above) in view of Malone (above) and further in view of Spainger (U.S. Patent No. 5,122,917). Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dietzel et al. (above) in view of Malone (above). Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dietzel et al. (above) in view of Malone (above) and further in view of Sagawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,459,248). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dietzel et al. (above) in view of Malone (above) and further in view of Yamamoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,046,837). In view of the discussion above, these rejections are considered moot. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the comments presented herein, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any further questions should arise, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

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